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## Employment

- 2022–... **Assistant Professor** (Computer Science)  
University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2019–22 **Postdoctoral Researcher** (Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences)  
University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA, USA  
Advisor: Pieter C. Dorrestein, PhD
- 2017–19 **Postdoctoral Researcher** (Genome Sciences)  
University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA  
Advisor: William Stafford Noble, PhD

## Education

- 2013–17 **PhD in Computer Science**  
University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium  
Thesis: *Computational Solutions for Quality Control of Mass Spectrometry-based Proteomics*  
Advisors: Kris Laukens, PhD and Bart Goethals, PhD
- 2016 **Visiting Researcher**  
Stellenbosch University, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2010–12 **MSc in Computer Science**  
Hasselt University, Diepenbeek, Belgium  
Thesis: *Time Series Similarity Search*  
Advisors: Marc Gyssens, PhD
- 2007–10 **BSc in Computer Science**  
Hasselt University, Diepenbeek, Belgium  
Thesis: *Extending a Web Browser With Additional Navigation Options*  
Advisors: Jan Van den Bussche, PhD

## Awards and Honors

- 2023 **Young Investigator Award**, *Metabolites*
- 2023 **Bioinformatics for Mass Spectrometry Award**, European Proteomics Association
- 2022 **Early Career Researcher Manuscript Competition Award**  
Human Proteome Organization
- 2021 **Rising Stars in Proteomics and Metabolomics: 40 Under 40**  
*Journal of Proteome Research*
- 2020 **Postdoctoral Career Development Award**, American Society for Mass Spectrometry
- 2015 **Best Oral Presentation Award**, Benelux Bioinformatics Conference

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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- [60] Jaeyoung Kang, Weihong Xu, **Wout Bittremieux**, Niema Moshiri, and Tajana Rosing. "DRAM-Based Acceleration of Open Modification Search in Hyperdimensional Space." In: *IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems* (Mar. 28, 2024), Early Access. DOI: [10.1109/TCAD.2024.3382842](https://doi.org/10.1109/TCAD.2024.3382842).
- [59] Sumukh Pinge, Weihong Xu, Jaeyoung Kang, Tianqi Zhang, Neima Moshiri, **Wout Bittremieux**, and Tajana Rosing. "SpecHD: Hyperdimensional Computing Framework for FPGA-based Mass Spectrometry Clustering." In: *Proceedings of the 2024 Design, Automation & Test in Europe Conference - DATE 2024*. Valencia, Spain, Mar. 25, 2024. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2311.12874](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2311.12874).
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- [44] Raphael Reher, Allegra T. Aron, Pavla Fajtová, Paolo Stincone, Berenike Wagner, Alicia I. Pérez-Lorente, Chenxi Liu, Ido Y. Ben Shalom, **Wout Bittremieux**, Mingxun Wang, Kyowon Jeong, Marie L. Matos-Hernandez, Kelsey L. Alexander, Eduardo J. Caro-Díaz, C. Benjamin Naman, J. H. William Scanlan, Phil M. M. Hochban, Wibke E. Diederich, Carlos Molina-Santiago, Diego Romero, Khaled A. Selim, Peter Sass, Heike Brötz-Oesterhelt, Chambers C. Hughes, Pieter C. Dorrestein, Anthony J. O’Donoghue, William H. Gerwick, and Daniel Petras. “Native Metabolomics Identifies the Rivulariapeptolide Family of Protease Inhibitors.” In: *Nature Communications* 13.1 (Aug. 8, 2022), p. 4619. DOI: [10.1038/s41467-022-32016-6](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-022-32016-6).
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## Scientific Software Contributions

**ANN-SoLo:** A spectral library search engine for fast and accurate open modification searching.

Homepage: <https://github.com/bittremieux/ANN-SoLo>

Role: creator and maintainer

**falcon:** A tool for efficient clustering of millions of mass spectra.

Homepage: <https://github.com/bittremieux/falcon>

Role: creator and maintainer

**GLEAMS:** A deep neural network to convert mass spectrometry data to vector embeddings.  
 Homepage: <https://github.com/bittremieux/GLEAMS>  
 Role: creator and maintainer

**iMonDB:** A tool to automatically extract, store, manage, and visualize mass spectrometer instrument parameters from raw data files.  
 Homepage: <https://github.com/bittremieux/iMonDB>  
 Role: creator and maintainer

**jqcML:** A Java API for the qcML file format for mass spectrometry quality control data.  
 Homepage: <https://github.com/bittremieux/jqcML>  
 Role: creator and maintainer

**Metabolomics USI:** A web tool for FAIR mass spectrometry data.  
 Homepage: <https://metabolomics-usi.gnps2.org/>  
 Role: creator and maintainer

**spectrum\_utils:** A Python package for efficient MS/MS spectrum processing and visualization.  
 Homepage: [https://github.com/bittremieux/spectrum\\_utils](https://github.com/bittremieux/spectrum_utils)  
 Role: creator and maintainer

**Casanovo:** *De novo* mass spectrometry peptide sequencing with a transformer deep neural network.  
 Homepage: <https://github.com/Noble-Lab/casanovo>  
 Role: contributor

**DepthCharge:** A deep learning toolkit for building state-of-the-art models in mass spectrometry.  
 Homepage: <https://github.com/wfondrie/depthcharge>  
 Role: contributor

**GNPS:** A web-based mass spectrometry ecosystem for untargeted metabolomics.  
 Homepage: <https://gnps.ucsd.edu/>  
 Role: contributor

**ppx:** A Python package for programmatic access to proteomics data repositories.  
 Homepage: <https://github.com/wfondrie/ppx>  
 Role: contributor

**TCRex:** A web tool for predicting TCR-epitope binding for human T cell receptors.  
 Homepage: <https://tcrex.biodatamining.be/>  
 Role: contributor

## Student Supervision

2024-...	<b>Alejandro Mendoza Cantu</b> , PhD student PhD thesis: <i>Reference Data-Driven Metabolomics to Study the Molecular Composition of South African foods</i> Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
2024-...	<b>Marina Pominova</b> , PhD student PhD thesis: <i>Computational Mass Spectrometry and Artificial Intelligence to Unravel the Immunopeptidome</i> Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
2023-...	<b>Madina Bekbergenova</b> , PhD student PhD thesis: <i>Deep Reinforcement Learning for Mass Spectrometry Data Acquisition in Metabolomics</i> Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
2023-...	<b>Janne Heirman</b> , PhD student PhD thesis: <i>Bioinformatics and Machine Learning For Large-Scale Metabolomics Data Analysis</i> Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
2022-...	<b>Issar Arab</b> , PhD student PhD thesis: <i>Open Modification Search Methods for Tandem Mass Spectrometry</i> Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium

- 2020–... **Ceder Dens**, PhD student  
PhD thesis: *Artificial Intelligence to Decode the Peptide Sequences Driving the Immune Response*  
Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2020–... **Charlotte Adams**, PhD student  
PhD thesis: *Unraveling the Role of Protein Post-Translational Modifications During Viral Infection by Large-Scale Reprocessing of Open Mass Spectrometry-Based Interactome*  
Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2024 **Michel Dierckx**, MSc student  
Internship: *Exploring the Evolutionary Presence of Post-Translational Modifications Through Public Mass Spectrometry-Based Proteomics Data Reanalysis*  
Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2024 **Viktor Hura**, MSc student  
MSc thesis: *Machine Learning-Based Prediction of VCD Spectra For Molecular Mirror Images*  
Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2024 **Cédric Leclercq**, MSc student  
MSc thesis: *Uncovering Maternal Drug Exposure Through Positive-Unlabeled Learning of Breast Milk Metabolomics*  
Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2024 **Dzhem Myumyun**, MSc student  
MSc thesis: *AI-Driven ECG Pattern Recognition For Inherited Cardiac Arrhythmia and Cardiomyopathy*  
Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2024 **Mathieu Maessen**, MSc student  
MSc thesis: *Exploring the Evolutionary Presence of Post-Translational Modifications Through Public Mass Spectrometry-Based Proteomics Data Reanalysis*  
Biomedical Sciences; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2021 **Lies Van Olmen**, MSc student  
MSc thesis: *Identification of Post-Translational Modifications in Epitopes*  
Biotechnology; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2020 **Jens Settelmeier**, MSc student  
MSc thesis: *Deep Neural Embedding of Chimeric Tandem Mass Spectra*  
Machine Learning; Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2019 **Charlotte Adams**, MSc student  
MSc thesis: *Deep Reprocessing of Mass Spectrometry-Based Human and Virus-Host Protein Interaction Data Using Open Modification Searching*  
Biotechnology; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2019 **Charlotte Adams**, MSc student  
Internship: *Investigating the Advantages of Open Modification Searching to Identify Modified Proteins*  
Biotechnology; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2019 **Stephen Blaskowski**, PhD student  
Internship: *Using Machine Learning to Speed Up Calibration of Tandem Mass Spectrometry Database Search*  
Molecular Engineering; University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA
- 2017 **Joeri Reyns**, MSc student  
MSc thesis: *Protein Identification Using Deep Neural Networks*  
Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2017 **Keerthana Sanala Prakash**, MSc student  
Internship: *Temporal Mining of Mass Spectrometry Quality Control Data*  
Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2016 **Phui San Cheong**, MSc student  
Internship: *Implement Frequent Itemset-based Clustering in pyGCluster*  
Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium

2016 **Robin Verachtert**, BSc student  
Internship: *Automatic Discovery of Artefacts in Mass Spectrometry Data*  
Computer Science; University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium

## Teaching

### Training

2022 The Carpentries Instructor Training

### Experience

2024-... Biomedical Artificial Intelligence: Instructor, University of Antwerp – Master of Computer Science  
2024-... Machine Learning: Instructor, University of Antwerp – Master Biochemistry and Biotechnology  
2024-... Introduction to Computational Biology: Instructor, University of Antwerp – Bachelor of Computer Science  
2022-... Fundamentals of Machine Learning for Mass Spectrometry Data Analysis: Instructor, American Society for Mass Spectrometry – Annual Conference Short Course  
2021 System-Wide Mass Spectrometry: Guest Lecturer, University of California San Diego – Cellular & Molecular Medicine  
2017 Introduction to Computational Biology: Teaching Assistant, University of Antwerp – Bachelor of Computer Science  
2016 Project Work: Teaching Assistant, University of Antwerp – Bachelor of Mathematics  
2014-15 Data Mining: Teaching Assistant, University of Antwerp – Master of Biochemistry and Biotechnology  
2015 Data Mining: Guest Lecturer, University of Antwerp – Master of Computer Science

## Funding Acquired

### Current Support

BOF 23-AWP-COE-11 (Covaci) 2026/01/01 – 2031/12/31  
University of Antwerp – University Research Fund €720,000  
**Exposomics: A Holistic Approach to Assess Environmental Exposures and Their Impact on Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders**  
Role: Co-PI

FWO 12A4025N (Bittremieux) 2024/10/01 – 2027/09/30  
Research Foundation – Flanders €332,940  
**Deep Learning For Comprehensive Small Molecule Discovery From Untargeted Mass Spectrometry Data**  
Role: PI

IOF POC CREATE 51155 (Bittremieux) 2024/05/01 – 2025/05/30  
University of Antwerp – Industrial Research Fund €125,000  
**De Novo Mass Spectrometry Peptide Sequencing With a Transformer Large Language Model**  
Role: PI

FWO GOAGQ24N (Bittremieux) Research Foundation – Flanders	2024/01/01 – 2026/12/31 €314,450
<b>Reference Data-Driven Metabolomics to Study the Molecular Composition of South African Foods</b>	
Role: PI	
FWO W000924N (Bittremieux) Research Foundation – Flanders	2024/01/01 – 2028/12/31 €60,000
<b>Bioinformatics Network For Proteomics and Mass Spectrometry</b>	
Role: PI	
SPECTRUM (Nothias) University of the Côte d'Azur	2023/12/01 – 2026/11/30
<b>Deep Reinforcement Learning for Mass Spectrometry Data Acquisition in Metabolomics</b>	
Role: Co-PI	
BOF 49083-DOCPRO2023 (Bittremieux) University of Antwerp – University Research Fund	2023/10/01 – 2027/09/30 €245,000
<b>Computational Mass Spectrometry and Artificial Intelligence to Unravel the Immunopeptidome</b>	
Role: PI	
POC-PP 49336 (Laukens) Plan Flemish Resilience – Infectious Diseases & Environmental Health	2023/05/01 – 2024/12/31 €161,423
<b>Enabling Mobile and Data-Driven Pathogen Monitoring Through a Paired Nanopore Squiggle–Genome Sequence Database</b>	
Role: Co-PI	
BOF 49298-DOCPRO2022 (Bittremieux) University of Antwerp – University Research Fund	2022/12/01 – 2026/11/30 €225,000
<b>Bioinformatics and Machine Learning For Large-Scale Metabolomics Data Analysis</b>	
Role: PI	

## Previous Support

NIH 1R03OD034493-01 (Dorrestein) National Institutes of Health	2022/09/01 – 2023/08/31 \$302,764
<b>Cross Repository Metabolomics Data and Workflow Integration</b>	
Role: Co-Investigator	
BOF 40004-DOCPRO2019 (Laukens) University of Antwerp – University Research Fund	2019/10/01 – 2023/09/30 €205,000
<b>Transferable Deep Learning for Sequence Based Prediction of Molecular Interactions</b>	
Role: Co-PI	
BAEF 2017-FELLOW-E060 (Bittremieux) Belgian American Educational Foundation	2018/07/01 – 2019/06/30 \$45,000
<b>Prediction of Mass Spectrometry Spectral Libraries</b>	
Role: Postdoctoral Fellow	
FWO 12W0418N (Bittremieux) Research Foundation – Flanders	2017/10/01 – 2020/07/31 €265,300
<b>Intelligent Quality Control for Mass Spectrometry-based Proteomics</b>	
Role: Postdoctoral Fellow	

## Professional Activities

### Referee

**Journals** Analytical Chemistry, Artificial Intelligence in Medicine, Bioinformatics, BMC Bioinformatics, Communications Biology, Genome Biology, IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioin-

formatics, Journal of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry, Journal of Computational Biology, Journal of Open Source Software, Journal of Proteome Research, Mass Spectrometry Reviews, Metabolites, Nature Biotechnology, Nature Communications, Nature Machine Intelligence, PLOS Computational Biology, PLOS ONE, PROTEOMICS, Scientific Reports

**Conferences** European Conference on Computational Biology (ECCB), Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB), Machine Learning in Computational Biology (MLCB), NIPS Workshop on Machine Learning in Computational Biology, Research in Computational Molecular Biology (RECOMB), Workshop on Data Mining in Bioinformatics (BIOKDD)

## Editor

Guest editor for PLOS Computational Biology and PROTEOMICS.

## Scientific Meetings Organized

- 2025 European Bioinformatics Community for Mass Spectrometry Developers' Meeting (Neustift, Italy): Organizing Committee Member
- 2024 National Synthesis Center for Emergence in the Molecular and Cellular Sciences Summit Meeting (Chicago, IL, USA): Thematic Chair
- 2024 European Bioinformatics Community for Mass Spectrometry – ProteoBench Workshop (Ghent, Belgium): Main Organizer
- 2024 Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (Montreal, QC, Canada) – Computational Mass Spectrometry Track: Chair
- 2023 Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology / European Conference on Computational Biology (Lyon, France) – Computational Mass Spectrometry Track: Chair
- 2022 Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (Madison, WI, USA) – Computational Mass Spectrometry Track: Chair
- 2022 European Bioinformatics Community for Mass Spectrometry Developers' Meeting (Oeiras, Portugal): Organizing Committee Member
- 2022 US HUPO Annual Conference (Charleston, SC, USA) – Computational Proteomics: From Machine Learning to Human Insight Track: Chair
- 2021 American Society for Mass Spectrometry Annual Conference (Philadelphia, PA, USA) – Quality Control Workshop: Chair
- 2021 Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology / European Conference on Computational Biology (online) – Computational Mass Spectrometry Track: Chair
- 2020 Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology Conference (online) – Computational Mass Spectrometry Track: Co-chair
- 2020 European Bioinformatics Community for Mass Spectrometry Developers' Meeting (Nyborg, Denmark): Organizing Committee Member
- 2019 Machine Learning in Computational Biology (Vancouver, BC, Canada): Program Committee Member
- 2019 European Bioinformatics Community for Mass Spectrometry Winter School (Zakopane, Poland): Organizing Committee Member
- 2018 European Bioinformatics Community for Mass Spectrometry Developers' Meeting (Ghent, Belgium): Main Organizer
- 2015 Benelux Bioinformatics Community (Antwerp, Belgium): Organizing Committee Member
- 2014 Belgian Proteomics Association Symposium (Brussels, Belgium): Local Organizing Committee Member

## Professional Affiliations

2022-...	Human Proteome Organization – Proteomics Standards Initiative: Chair of the Quality Control Working Group
2021-...	Human Proteome Organization: Member
2017-...	European Bioinformatics Community for Mass Spectrometry: Member
2016-2022	Human Proteome Organization – Proteomics Standards Initiative: Secretary of the Quality Control Working Group
2014-...	International Society for Computational Biology: Member
2013-...	Belgian Proteomics Association: Member
2013-...	American Society for Mass Spectrometry: Member